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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Reply Brief Noted***

1. The reply brief filed 15 August 2011 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

### ***Conclusion***

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dung Van Nguyen whose telephone number is (571)272-4490. The examiner can normally be reached on PHP Program.

3. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph J. Hail can be reached on 571-272-4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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